

AGENDA CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

Thursday, January 29, 2004

8:00 a.m.

**Council Office Building
6th Floor Conference Room**

- 8:00 a.m.**
- I. Discussion of new issue**
 - A. Technical amendment to clarify Section 208**
 - i. Review draft language provided by staff to clarify the timing of an Executive veto. (Mike Faden and Marc Hansen)
 - II. Discussion of existing issues**
 - A. Councilmember positions full- or part-time jobs**
 - i. Review draft language to amend the Charter to provide that Councilmember positions are full-time jobs with limits on outside employment. (Julie Davis and Marc Hansen)
 - ii. Review memorandum provided by staff and comments from the public. (Justina Ferber)
 - B. Councilmembers' salaries**
 - i. Maintain current salaries for Councilmembers (approx. \$72,000).
 - ii. Recommend that the Committee to Study Compensation study increasing Councilmember salaries to be commensurate with full-time employment.
 - C. Number of signatures required for Charter amendments**
 - i. Take no position on this issue.
 - ii. Advise the Council and Executive to continue working with the Montgomery County Delegation to increase the number of signatures required for Charter amendments comparable to referendums.
 - iii. Reduce the number of signatures required for referendums in Charter Section 114 (five percent of the registered voters = approx. 23,000).
 - D. Council structure**
 - i. Maintain the existing number of Councilmembers (9) and the current ratio of district versus at-large seats (5-4).
 - ii. Increase the overall number of Councilmembers.
 - iii. Change the ratio of district versus at-large seats.
 - E. Petitions filed by Mr. Ficker**
 - i. Tax cap
 - ii. Term limits

F. Public policy issues

- i. Ways to increase minority participation in local elections
- ii. Any other issues

8:30 a.m. II. Conference call with William Somerville, Legal Counsel, MD Dept. of Legislative Services

9:00 a.m. III. Continue discussion of issues

9:55 a.m. IV. Administrative items

➤ Approval of minutes from the December 18 meeting

➤ Timeline for report submission

- i. Draft report due to Council staff: **March 18**
- ii. Final draft approved by the CRC: **April 16**
- iii. Final report due to the Council: **May 1**
- iv. Report presented to the Council: **June (3rd or 4th week)**

➤ Upcoming meeting dates

- i. Thursday, February 19
- ii. Thursday, March 18
- iii. Friday, April 16

10:00 a.m. V. Adjournment